

REMARKS

I. Allowed Claims

Claims 1 to 8 have been allowed for the reasons given on page 3 of the Office Action.

II. New Claim 17

New claim 17 is identical to allowed claim 1, except that step a) has been changed somewhat to state that the facing surface of the flat glass or glass ceramic article rests fully on the planar support except in the shaping region of the planar support, which includes the through-going holes through which the dies press on the facing surface of the flat article in operation. In other words, the facing surface of the flat glass or glass ceramic article rests on or contacts the upper surface of the planar support 1, but also the upper surfaces of the dies 4 in the through-going holes 3, as shown in the sole figure, in operation. Also it does not rest on anything in the gap G between the dies 4 and the planar support 1 or in the holes 3 when the dies are withdrawn.

Claim 17 is considered to define the invention in a somewhat more accurate manner than claim 1.

III. Drawing Changes

The sole figure was objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p) (5) for not including the following reference signs mentioned in the detailed description: "9" for the heating means and "G" for the gap.

A copy of a replacement figure showing the heating means 9, the vacuum pump 10 (page 9, line 11, of applicants' specification) and the gap G between the dies 4 and the planar support 1 accompanies this amendment.

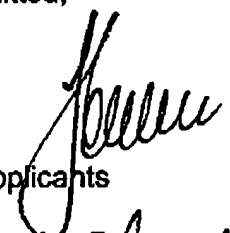

Approval of the replacement figure and withdrawal of the objection to the drawing under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 (p) (5) is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

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